The tice had cast it upon the rocks at

Short distance off the shore in their sloop.

NO ONE TO CLAIM THE BOY.

Chief Whitney supposed the child had failen into the water from a canal boat, and in this belief he inserted advertisements in several papers, and sent post I cards bearing a description of the body to the places where such boats lead or discharize. No claimant appeared for the remains, however, and siter the inquest, which resulted in a verdet of accidental death, they were buried by the county at Snake Hill.

Very soon, however, some one who had seen a portrait of Charles Ross remarked the similarity of the features to those of the boy drowned in the bay. Residents of Bayonne and Bergen Point interested themselves in the matter, and even thief Whitney admitted, on seeing the likeness, that the features were the same, and added that if he could behave that the boy whose body had been cast ashore was four years old he would certainly incline to the opinion that he was Charley Ross. On Saturday the portrait was shown to several of the residents of Berger Point, and every one of them was struck by the ikkeness to the boy buried at Snake Hill, A great many entertained no doubt whoteve that the latter was, indeed, Charley Ross: Chief Whitney told the writer that among the persons who had seen the body be, an his opinion that it was not that of the missing boy, stood in a minority of about one to fifty. Had the himben off, he said, and the expression less animated, the portrait shown him as that of Charley Ross would have been an excellent likeness of the boy whose body was east ashore.

Chief Whitney has probably had more experience of Moster and Douglas than any other poince officer in the country, and his knowledge of their characteristics does not lead him to believe in at they were capable of concecting or carrying out such a scheme as the abduction and detention of Charley Ross for the burpose of obtaining a ranson. They were but third-

tion of Charley Ross for the pur

in a very small measure the profits

sked to give an account of himself, he a tramp. He had walked from Mary was going to New York. The Chethe inside of his hit, and finding to with cobwebs, a reasonable double mind as to whether it had been get the journey from Maryland. He might it had been hanging up for a thought it he downey from Maryland, he thought it he heen handing up for a me somewhere, and had only very recent-taken down. He accordingly caused the reto be stripped, for his experience bin that after so long a walk a tramp's bould be begrimed with dust. Dougla's as quite clean, and he was locked up as a chie begred to be showed to go, and a filled with tears when he was put into the conduct which the chief considered dimilicative of no great amount of pro-al experience. He desired his officers to sharp look-out for his companion, as he isfied some one would be prowling about to of the prisoner. He had not miscalculor about 2 o'clock in the morning Mosher ought into the station house. The next g, there being no other allegation against both men were taken before the Recorder barge of vagrancy. I hely abandoned the of their being tramps, and told a principle their destitution which so affected the der that he discharged them, and Chief ey gave Mosher ten cents to take him to Island, where he said he lived. Sax months after this the old boat, which come a familiar and unwelcome object to disc, was on and off the const, and robuser of frequent occurrence. Its apace in winter was dreaded by the officers, is it was in the vicinit; they were placed

in moderate weather, but terribly

A DIGHT WITH THE PIRATES.

A FIGHT WITH THE PREATES.

oat then disappeared for some months,
thing more was seen of the men until
year and a naif ago. Then a sloop betic Capt. Lake was robbed, and the burhas traced to two river threves, Forrester
han, living in a tenement house in Green
Jersey City. The police at Bergen Point
a threves' boat and gave chase. In trying
te the boat was unset, and Cohan drowned,
ter was saved after cinging for some time
heal.

While locked up at Bergen Point several wellnown burghars called to see Forrester, and
nong these was Mosher. The chief noticed
latthe latter had jost the cartilage of his nose,
downer spoken to about it Mosher said it had
sen destroyed in a prize fight in England—a
reamstance which "ferward gained for him
se thie of "the Prize Fighter" among the
through the statement was undoubtedly
ble, for the nasal disfigurement was shown by
se post-mortem examination to be the result
disease. Forrester, through the exertions of
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THE PIRATES OF THE BAY.

ABOAT THAT TROUBLED THE NEW JERSEY POLICE FORCE.

The Body of the Boy Found in Newark Bay-why Many who Saw it Believed it was that of Charley Ross—Information from Chief Whitney—A Clue to be followed.

The theory that the body of the boy found in Newark Bay some five weeks ago was that of Charley Ross does not seem to meet with much favor from the New York police, though that Ruperntendent Walling gives it some measure of attention is shown by the fact that a detective was eccupied all Saturday in endeavoring to unravel the mystery. The cheumstances attending the finding of the body have been related more than once and, a most always with the object of showing that the remains were not those of Charley Ross; but, singularly enough, no attention whatever has been baid to the most surgestive and suspicious incident in the connection—the bright of the body was dressed in girls clothes, and every article was entirely new. This taken in conjunc ion with the unnistakable likeness between the portrait of Charley Ross and the child taken from the tay and the child taken from the that the boy stelen from Thildsdephla met has death at the bands of his abdueters in the waters of Newark Bay; and this is the opinion of healty was founded to the Transladerphla met has death at the bands of his abdueters in the waters of Newark Bay; and this is the opinion of the Ithory of the drowned boy.

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be booty they were in search of hidden on a the opinion of nearly every one who saw ody of the drowned boy.

The tice hid cast it upon the rocks at mobility of the death it was first discovered by dispersion, who told Officer Compoly he had seen. The remains were taken to torzoe, where a discrence of opinion area then probable are of the boy. Chief of whitney thought he could not have been than three or three and a half years old, samilist that be may have been mistaken than three or three and a half years old, samilist that be may have been mistaken, the majority of those who saw the body fix conflict years at four years at the lowest. The hing hit hand sliky and cut snort; the eyes were had been a me weeks in the water, the swere full and dimiled, though other is of the body had been eaten by fishes, solices, as already mentioned, were those if, The stockings, which were striped red hite, bore the appearance of never having washed shree they were purchased. A real ack woollen hood, which had failen off ead, probley by the action of the water, from the neck by a blue ribbon, the ends with a knile. The dress was also red and with a knile. The dress was also red and such as malt thave been purchased dom. It was at first supposed that the retweet those of a girl, and when it was an object the doctor that this was not the one one suggested that the retweet those of the hood, the chief had not be that the time the body and sooker as a malt have been purchased dom. It was at first supposed that the retweet those of a girl, and when it was an other work that the was not the me one suggested that the retweet those of a girl, and when it was an other work that this was not the me one suggested that the retweet these of the same material as the hood, ander, to the same material as the hood and such as malt have been purchased the house of a girl, and when it was an add the same and the could not the distribution of the water, the me of the same material as the hood and such as malt have been purchased the house of a gir

THE PACIFIC MAIL ROBBERY.

A Possible Clue to the Manner in which the

Sr. Paul, Dec. 20 .- The Despatch to-morrow wil contain an account, derived from responsible citizens of St. Paul, which in brief is

In the spring of 1873 Irwin, of Pacific Mail notoriety, appeared at the Metropolitan Bank in New York, where he had a small personal account, and deposited a check for five hundred thousand dollars. He had not usually had one thousand dollars on deposit, and the President of the bank reproved the teller for accepting so large a deposit, which was likely to be checked against before the baif million check

be checked against before the hair minion check was collected.

Several days clapsed before any call was made and then the stranger presented a check for all or nearly all of the mysterious ceposit. The check was drawn by Irwin, payable to his (Irwin's) order and endorsed by him. The paying teller demanded the stranger's name, but he decimed to give it, saying that the check was practic bly payable to bearer. As the teller continues the granger appealed to the President showcard, the granger appealed to the President it, saying that the check was practic bly bayable to bearer. As the teller continued obdurate, the stranger appealed to the President of the bank, and he riso refused to cash so large a check unless the party would rever! his name. The stranger grew indignant, but still refused to give his name, and finally withdrew, declaring that he would give until the next day for the bank to cash the check. A bank messinger followed the stranger to ascertain his movements, and he proceeded directly to the Pacific Mail, beyond which he was not traced.

Next day soon after banking hours began, the stranger gain called on the bank President, and asked if he was ready to may that check.

Next day, soon after banking hours began, the stranger again called on the bank President, and asked if he was ready to pay that check. The President inquired whether currency was required, or whether the check of the bank would answer. The stranger said he was intending to deposit it, and nence could use the check.

The bank president accordingly drew his check for the desired amount, payable to bearer, and the stranger followed to ascertain who the visitor w.s. The stranger proceeded to the Park Bank and there deposited the Metropolitan Bank check.

The messenger calling the cashier aside asked who it was making the deposit, and was told that is Mr. King, Postmaster of the House of Representatives. Representatives.

The gentieman who tells this was formerly in business in New York and received the story from first hands. In view of Irwin's refusal to tell who got the money the Ways and Means Committee may find here a clue worth following.

THE UNPRECEDENTED JOURNEY.

Interesting Incidents in Edward Payson Wes-ton's Five-Hundred-Mile Walk.

The indomitable Weston finished his journey of five hundred miles in the Newark Industrial Exposition building at thirty-nine and a quater minutes past eleven o'clock on Saturday minutes and three-quarters less than six days, the walk having begun at five minutes past midis his record; but he actually walked more than is his record; but he actually walked more than five hundred miles, as he made the circuit of his track sever. I times in the absence of two of the judges, and rather than have any loop-hole for a charge of unfairness in the count, he insisted that the judges should not count those laps, and that they should put on the record only what they themselves saw and could swear to.

On the first day Weston walked one hundred and fifteen milies in fifty-cight seconds less than twenty-four hours. He then reseed the 50m, and 12s. On the second day he walked 75 miles and rested the, 12m, and 33s. His third day's wafk was 80 miles, and his rest the, 51m, and 01s. Fourth day, 80 miles; rest, 4h, 47m., 53s. On the sixth day he walked 75 miles, resting only 27m, and 55s., much of his food being given him by his physician while he continued his walk on the track. His average time was fourteen minutes and fourteen seconds to the mile. His fastest time was made on the 25th and 230th miles. These he made in ten minutes and eignteen seconds.

The exhibition building was crowded on Saurday evening so that there was scarcely standing room, and there having been rumors that some New York roughs who had bet against Weston intended to interfere and prevent him from making his 500 miles, Judge Mills and the Mayor and the Chief of Police of Newark had the place surrounded by a strong force of pelicemen. The conclusion of the journey was greeted with thonders of applicate, and after the subsidence of the cheering it was announced that a number of the pedestrian's Newark admirers had subscribed for a \$500 gold watch and a purse of \$1,000, to be presented to him on a day to be designated by him this week.

Mr. Henry C. Jarrett, manager of Booth's Theatre, having wagered nearly \$2,000 on Weston's success as was naturally solicitous about Saturday's effort, and, therefore, repeatedly sent encouraging despatches to Newark. In the evening Weston responded as follows: "Success assured. I am the hero of the hour. New men abox for Monday night." W five hundred miles, as he made the circuit of his track sever I times in the absence of two of the

An Old Familiar Sound. The fire alarm telegraph wires having all been broken by the storm, a street patrol has been established, and tower beds will ring the alarms until the wires are connected. GOODALL'S PLAYING CARDS.—New styles for 1875. Beautiful new doesgn, "American Arms," new ready.—Ade.

MR. BEECHER ON PATIENCE PLYMOUTH CHURCH FILLED WITH PATIENT LISTENERS.

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An Appenl for the Unfortunate and Fallen Women of New York-Making Paths Too Easy for Our Children to Follow.

The snow storm yesterday morning made no sensible diminution in the congrega-tion of Plymouth Church. When Mr. Beecher ascended the rostrum and took his seat beside the flower decked olive wood stand and ran his eye over the building, he saw every seat filled in the cockloft, the galleries and the floor of the church. Not only were the pews filled, but the cane seats in the aisles and the row of extra chairs around the rostrum were also occupied. The church was comfortably warm and though the windows were darkened with the falling snow flakes the gaslight from the central chandeller threw a warm, sunny gleam over the assembled worshippers. After the opening volun-tary the "Adeste Fideles" was sung as an anthem to an Advent bymn from the Plymouth Collections.

Before making the long prayer Mr. Beecher made several announcements, and also an appeal for the fair of the Sisters of the Good Shepherd in the Academy of Music.

A PLEA FOR THE FALLEN.

He explained the object of the House of the Good Shepherd to be the restoration and reformation of the unfortunate and fallen, and urged that all distinctions of Catholic and Protestant be forcotten in the cause of so noble a charity as that conducted by the good sisters. The institution, though situated in New York city, appealed to the charities of the inbabitants of Brooklyn, the work having commenced in Brooklyn and had only been transferred to New York as a field where it was more needed. The house had in the past been self-sustaining, as the inmates had been eneaged in different branches of manufacture, all of which had been greatly curtailed by the depression in business. Mr. Beecher hoped all his hearers would, ttend the fair and give their cordial support. There should be no sectarian feeling about charities such as this.

THE SERMON A PLEA FOR THE FALLEN.

THE SERMON

Was preached from the first chapter of the
Episte of St. James, 3d and 4th verses: "Knowing this that the trying of your faith worketh patience. But let patience have her perfect workthat ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing."

tience. But let patience have her perfect work, thit ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing."

Mir. Beecher explained that language had no single words to express perfectly mental states and moral conditions. It is necessary to use figures, similes, symbols, and metaphors to describe mental states. Patience could be construed to mean several conditions of the mind, as fortitude, self-control, and endurance. Self-control is making one part of our nature su bmit to another part. This works patience. Self-control means the holding of one part of our being in abeyance while developing another.

That gospel whose preaching does not develop industries, agacities, economies, and ingenuities is spurious. All these things teach patience. Physical pain is a teacher of patience, and patience is the primary conception of heroism. Nouralgie and rheumatic sufferers could become so accustomed to pain that they would not feel right unless they had it. In the same way that Bostonians who used to drink water from the right of the patience of water to bring it up to a good, live taste. Some men are disintegrated by pain; some are crystalized; some are demoralized; some morally strengthened and purified. This hirsute and ragged teacher affected each temperament and nature differently.

SPOILING CHILDREN.

The various experiences of life educate men in this as well as other armstogracies of virtue.

The various experiences of his educate men in this as well as other aristocracles of virtue. Some of us who have been educated in that school, although we have felt its benefits, do not wish it for our children. We were hammered and pounded into shape, but we don't want our boys to be hammered. We were tanned, but we don't want tanning for our boys. We have made our way through a wilderness, but we don't want to be to be the weak of the way through a wilderness, but we don't want our boy to break his way through the same tanglewood and over the same ruggedness. We are making our children the most pitiful things on earth—men and women turned out on the world in middle life, whoily unprepared to endure the stings and blows that we have had to take and to bear. The nelpless man is fit for nothing but to be rubbed out like a cypher, and what a pity they can't all be rubbed out.

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In conclusion, Mr. Beecher exhorted his hearers to the patience which the apostle so highly commended. In measuring our troubles we should ask ourselves if we can bear the very worst fate that we can imagine. If we can bring our minds to contemplate such an event with equanitality, our patience will not be too severely tried in any lesser evist that may arise.

The greatest strengthener of the soul, the greatest incentive to Christian patience, is the remembrance of that rest that remaineth for the people of God.

THE CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS ANNIVERSARY. THE CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS ANSIVERSARY.

The seven hundred pupils of Plymouth Sunday school had a good time yesterday afternoon, as is their custom on the Sabbath before Coristmas. The usual lessons were dispensed with, and the afternoon was very pleasantly pressed in singing Christmas carols and listening to a Christmas story, written and read by Mr. Roesiter Raymond, the assistant Superintendent. The story of "What Jounny Did in the Dark" was very funny, and was applauded by the young felks.

THE ROBBERY OF THE RED MEN The Story Told by the Man they Laughed at

in Washington.

A meeting in Lyric Hall last evening considered the crimes of the United States Government against the Indians. Father Beeson said ment against the Indians. Father Beeson said that the executive officers of the United States Government had treated the Indians dishonestly and abusively. Twenty years ago he was living in Oregon, and the Indian agent he da lot of blankets, red, yellow, and blue. He cut each blanket into fourteen strips that were large enough to go around the waist, and sold these strips to the Indians, charging for each strip the price of a blanket, and crediting himself with the Government for fourteen times as many blankets as he had; and as for the money of the Indians, they were generally cheated while intoxicated into giving their all as the price of a whilatle or a jewshap.

Father Reeson vivited Washington City at his own expense, to tell these disgraceful facts to President Buchanan. He saw the President and was referred by him to a man who laughed outright because he was so innocent as not to know that Indian agents always made them selves rich. The meeting passed the following resolution:

Macras, in accordance with the divine law that the same measure we mete shall be measured to us grain, the resources of our nation are being fraudently catenup by salary grabs and land grabs and other evil devices, as a retribution for the franca we and our fathers have practiced on the indians.

Resolved, that religious pastors, both Catholic and Protesiant, fall of doing their duty until they avoimpressed this law of retribution upon their respective congregations, so as to induce a general demand upon the national Government to protect the Indians from frauds and resultant ware. that the executive officers of the United States

A Marvelions Escape—A Flood that Imperilled the Lives of Many Children.

HAYDENVILLE, Mass., Dec. 19 .- Hayden, Gere & Co.'s dam broke away near the centre to-day, and two-thirds of the structure was swept away. The large body of water covered with ice ten inches thick body of water covered with noe ten inches thick rushed down the stream with a crackling noise similar to that made by the flood of May last down the same pathway. There were seventy-five or more can dren skating on the pond, all of whom were saved. The children on the ponds below Haydenville had warning in time to escape, and there was no loss of life. The new osm was built to replace the one swept away last May, and out recently completed. The water side of the dam was faced with cement, while cach end was fanked with heavy parapet walls eighteen feet high. The tulkhead was of granite, and was twelve feet high. The cotton mill oam, about half a mile oelow Hayden, Gere & Co.'s dem, held the water and tee from the pond of the latter, and prevented any further destruction of life or property below. The mill dam is one of the strongest on the river. A portion of it was carried away by the May flood, and has since beat h. highly repaired.

The Iron Bar Burgiary.

Capt. McDonneil and Detective Terwilliger arrested Henry Williams, white, and Charles A. Manning. colored, who entered the bed chamber of Mr. Sewell, 68 West Forty-fifth street, last week. They connected 68 Weat Forty-fifth street, last week. They connected the transverse iron bars of the windowwith a loop of rop inserted a thick stick, and twisted it until there we a space between the bars large enough for a man to p as through. A watch and clean, a realskin sacque, a through. A watch and clean, a realskin sacque, a reverse silk cresses of suggressive as recovered law evening. In Manning's coal pecket, in the Prince street police station, were found a piece of the rope with which the oars of Mr. Jewell's residence had been forced seide, and a memorandum book, which that gentleman recognized.

PORT JERVIS, N. Y., Dec. 20.—The residence of A. Durfe in this willings was destroyed by fire at 1 o cloud this morning, it was the work of an incendiary, making the fourth incendiary fire here within the part two montas.

HAVANA, Dec. 20.—Carlos Garola, the noted bandit, and all his followers have laid down their arm and thrown themselves on the elemency of the Govern

A CHALLENGE NOT ACCEPTED.

The Hon. John Morrissey's Meeting with

The politicians and sporting men of this city had a grand pow-wow yesterday over the meeting between the Hon. John Morrissey and Andy Sheehan in James W. Collier's saloon, at Thirteenth street and Broadway, on Friday night. There was every probability of a big fight when Morrissey and Sheebab came in col-lision. The proprietor of the place was in the Union Square Theatre, where he took a char-acter in "Love's Sacrifice." Sheehan and a party of friends were drinking when Morrissey and and his old friend, George Middleton, drove up to the Thirteenth street entrance. Sheenan's coach was on the Broadway side. Morrisse end Middleton approached the bar and were

After the transformation the fun begins, Jack the Giant Killer, Santa Claus, and a host of nursery heroes appear to delight the little ones, while the adventures of Haricquin and the Clown and Pantaloon keep the older part of the audience amused. The pantonime will last ne riy two hours.

The renearsal last night was not finished until 2 o'clock, and then Mr. Nixon concluded that it would be impossible to produce it to-night. The first production has been postboned until Wegnesday night, and no matinees will be given at the Hippodrome this or to-morrow afternoon, the time being required for renearsals.

THE OLD WORLD'S NEWS.

The Count von Arnim Probably to be Pardoned by the Emperor William. BERLIN, Dec. 19.—Count von Arnim has been sentenced to three months' imprisonment, the term to be made less by five weeks which he has already suffered. The sentence carries no dishonor with it. The charges of embezzlement full to the ground. However, his neglect to return the missing papers when asked to do so by the Foreign Department compels the Government to set an example. Hence the punishment, it is generally believed that the Emperor William will pardon him.

A Fresh Plot against Bismarck's Life.

A Five-Hundred Dollar Chronometer Returned and no Questions Asked.

The Hon. Thomas G. Aivord's \$500 chronome ter was stolen in a Broadway stage an Wednesday last, and on Friday night he recived a small box in his room at the Metropolitan Hotel. The detectives took room at the Mctropolitan Hotel. The detectives took this way of returning the watch. With the box there were no explanations, neither was there a bill for services. Mr. Alvord carried his timesceper to his home in Syracuse in an early Saturday train. A valuable locker, which daugled from Mr. Alvora's watch allow here he entered the stage, disappeared with the watch, and is still missing, it is of goly; on the side is a dark-faced stone with the monogram "T. G. A.," and on the other side a cear, white stone. Inside is a photograph of a boy 18 years old.

The Jolly Scribblers.

At the meeting of the Scribblers' Club in their new club house in Thirteenth street, on Saturday even new club house in Thirteenth street, on Saturday evening, Mr. Joseph Howard, Jr., made the inaugural address. It was brimful of wit and humor, and at its close brimining bumpers were quaffed in honor of the inauguration of the club. During the supper of seventeen courses, washed down by as many brands of rare old wines, poured from outties wreathed in couwebs, there was a continuous flow of materialized soul from A. Oakey Hall, Caieb Dunn, Jack Harksway, and Meers, Smith, Van Wyck, Hemming, Lesie, Schofield, and others.

A Police Prize Fight.

Information was lodged with Capt. Ulman, of
the Edridge street police, on Thursday, that Henry
Beh rens and F. Woodward, two members of his force
had indulged in a prize fight in the John G. O'Biten
Club House, at Grand and Ludlow streets, on Monday,
in which Echrens was severely besten.

Bohrens had been reported sick, and was under the
tinfluence of liquor when the doctor vi ited him, and
the Captain had made a charge against him. Captain
Uman is investigating the case.

The Tragedy in Steel's Hotel. Mr. John Stewart, a cooper, of Cairo, Greene county, who was badly beaten in Steel's Hotel on the 7th hast, died in Believae Hospital on Saturday. Soon after the assault Mr. Sieward's assailants, Edward McLau, hian and James Darr, were sentenced to three months and one month respectively on Blackwell's Island.

Three Children Drowned Near Paterson Mrs. Eliza Vreeland, who lives three miles from Paterson, leit her three children Kate, Ellen and John, sged 6, 7, and 8 years, with Thomas Moore, an agerman, on saturday, and west to Paterson. The children went on the ice in the Mortis Canal and breaking through aere drowned. The old man said that they would not mind him.

Clerk Colahan's Successor. The Judges of the City Court of Brooklyn will probably select Mr. George W. Knaebei for Clerk of the Court in place of the Hon, Stephen J. Colshan, deceased. Mr. Knaebei is the Record Clers of the Court, and his promotion is urged by influential members of the bar.

A STEAMER BURNED AT SEA

ANOTHER OF THE PACIFIC MAIL
CO.'S VESSELS LOST.

The Steamship Japan Burned Off Yokohama— Fearful Loss of Life Reported—Nearly Five Hundred Passengers on Board. A press despatch from Hong Kong

Saturday appounced that the Pacific Mail Com pany's steamship Japan, from San Francisco and Yokohama for Hong Kong, was burned at sea when sixty miles out from Yekohama. A few of her passengers and crew bad arrived at Hong Kong. The telegram said it was feared that many lives were lost. The company's officers in this city, however, discredit the loss of life They say that the vessel was only twelve miles from land when burned, and that she had an abundance of boats to take all the passengers

and crew safely to the shore.

The first intelligence of the disaster to the Japan received here was communicated in the following despatch from Mr. Scott, Vice-President of the company, to Mr. F. L. Talcott, one of the directors:

of the directors:

Washington, Dec. 19.

State Department have despitch, steamer Japon burned at sea, near Hong Kong, Fearful loss of life.

Malls lost.

G. G. Scott, Vice-President. Mr. Talcott at once telegraphed to Secretary Fish, inquiring whether the news was true, and received the subjoined despatch in reply:

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 19, 1874.

F. L. Talcott, Director, New York,
Gonsul : Hong Kong teleprapus as follows:
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of life. Mails lost.

HAMILTON FIGH.

The officers of the company in this city say that taey have received no positive information about the disaster other than is contained in the above telegrams. The company's agent in

"Morrissey, you must take a drink with me," Creatiny, seld Morrissey, and making the content of the saloon, boll, and he in the water to the saloon, boll, and he in the water to the saloon, boll, and he in the water to be held on the coming reconciled. Much angre talk followed. Sheehan rivolocated to first Morrissey, and masted on go, and the saloon that was significant to death, and the ex-Congressman moved that was significant to death, and the ex-Congressman moved to death, and

Steamship City of Tokio.

The Pacific Mail steamship Colon was to have gone to sea on Saturday, but as she was prejaring to leave her dock the working of her screw caused a coal barge to get adrift, which came in contact with the screw and broke it. The barge was instantly sunk. Mr. Rufus Hatch was on board when the accident occurred. The Colon will have to be placed in dry dock for repairs. Her passengers, 212 in number, and mails will be transferred to the City of Tokio, winen is aiready loaded with e-rge and lying at anchor in midstream in the North river. The City of Tokio was to proceed to San Francisco vis Magellan's Straits, but on account of the Colon being crippled will carry that vessel's mails and passengers to Asoinwall. The Colon will proceed on her way next Saturday, while the flenry Chauncey, now at Aspinwall, will be held to connect with the steamer on the Pacific coast.

THE IMPRISONED DENIISTS.

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Their Punishment for Infringing One of the India-Rubber Patents.

Last week the United States District Court at Trenton, N. J., had arrested seven of the most promi-nent dentists in the State, who had, it seems, violated A Fresh Plot against Bismarck's Life.

Berlin, Dec. 19.—The crisis is entirely over. It was suggested at a Cabinet council on Thursday that the Reichstag be dissolved as a remedy for Prince Bismarck's complaint of a lack of a trustworthy majority, but the Chancellack of a trustworthy majority, but the Chancels of Colined the proposition. Prince Bismarck remarked in conversation on Ihursday that he had received a warning from the ponce of a fresh piot against his life.

"OLD SALT'S" WATCH. an order of the above court restraining them from

A life sized oil painting of Queen Victoria, taken from life thirty years ago, in her crown and regal roses, and which cost \$3,000, can be bought from Ogden & Miller, in Newark, for \$50. It is an old style frame and has lain for years in a dusty corner of the store, un-appreciated. Soon after painting the portrait the own-or exhibited it, and made enough money in two years to buy a farm. He sold the picture for \$5,000, and soon bought it back for \$2,000. The original owner sted, and it passed from one person to another, until the gentlemen who have it were personded to take it and first oget \$500 for it. They have been gradually coming down in the price, until now it will be soid for \$50.

HARTFORD, Dec. 20.—Leading lawyers in this city are advising their clients, holding policies in the American National Life and Trust Company of New American National Life and Trust Company of New Haven, to pay their premiums as they become due, during the bendency of the proceedings against the company by the insurance Department. By this means they will secure their interest in the reserve held by the company in case it is acclared insolvent, and if it is restored to good credit their policies will be a ved. It is well known that the Insurance Commissioner has, in all cases when applied to, advised the poncy holders not to show their policies to lapse.

The Office-Seekers' Bulletin. Ex-Under Sherif Joel O. Stevens is to be th Ex-Under Sheriff Joel O. Stevens is to be the incoming Mayor's Marshal, and George W. Morton the Superintendent of his Permit Bureau. Mayor Vance has nearly completed his examination of the keepers of the penientiary in relation to Warder Liscomo's treatment of William M. Tweed. It is believed that he will determine, in a day or two, whether he will accept President Laimbeer's resignation and remove. Commissioners Bowen and Storp, thus making places for the Custom House clique.

NEW JERSEY.

Orange Chapter 23, at their annual election on Fiday last, chose as their High Priest C. F. A. Moore, the well-known conductor on the Morns and Essex Railroad.

John Meehan of Hoboken, who was accused of removing a toy plower from the store, 61 Wasnington street, says he has not been arrested, and that it was "all a joke."

HOURS OF LEISURE.

Flax Illil Association's calleo ball, Irving Hall, Annual ball of Company E, Seventy-ninth Regiment, in their armory, Dec. 23. Fair and entertainment by the ladies of the Madison Avenue Reformed Church (Rev. H. D. Ganse), 628 Broadway, Dec. 19 to 24.

Christmas concert and featival by the North Dutch Church Sabbath School, Fulton and Wilham streets, to-morrow evening.

Ladies' bazaar for the benefit of the Industrial Home in East Thirty-first screet, Trenor's new hall, 1,266 Broadway, Dec. 18 to 31

TERRIBLE FIGHT WITH A BURGLAR.

Ex-Judge Betts's House in Jamaica Entered -The Thief Shot at and Pursued-A Hand-to-Hand Battle-Beverly Robinson Shot. Ex-Judge Beverly Betts has a summer

residence at East Jamaica, Queens county, and

a winter residence in New York city. He moved to the city about a month ago, leaving the country seat in charge of his grandson, Beveriy Rob tnson, who resides with his widowed mother in Jamaica village. He usually slept at the Judge's bouse, and last Saturday morning ascertained that an attempt had been made to enter the house on the previous right. He determined to keep a sharp lookout on Saturday morning, and armed himself with a six-barrel revolver.

After midnight he heard footsteps on the back nortico, and descending quietly from the second story, unlocked the back door leading to the main hall. He took position in a centre bedroom off the west parior, and seen the rear door opened, and into the parior walked a man. As Beverly emerged from his concealment, the door of the room "sque ked," and the intruder ran, followed by a shot from Beverly's pistol. Beverly continued the chase to the fence fronting on the Jamica and Hempstead turnplke, the gates of which were locked. Here he caught the thief just as he placed his hands for a jump. Several shots were fired as they ran. A clow from the pistol brought him to the ground, and in the scuffle the pistol dropped. Beverly kept on top of his man, who had astone in his hand, and as Beverly attempted to regain the pistol the man struck him a stinging blow on the fingers of the right hand. Beverly secured the hand which held the stone, and placing his knee on the man's throat, secured the pistol. He pointed it at the thief's head, but the injured hand was unable to pull the trigger, and with a sudden twist of his body he rolled leverly over and got on top of him. They struggled fercely, but the loss of the hind gave his antagonist the advantige head and face. The thief wrenched the pistol from him, and placing it close to Beverly's head and face. The thief then jumped over the fence and ran down the turnpike toward Queens.

The Biring brought Daniel H. Carpenter and Seth Chaoman from their nouses, but too late to be of service. They carried Beverly to Caapman's house, where he was cared for. Beverly's pantioens were stained with flood where they rested on the thief's neck, and it is believed from this that he was shot. The tinef left his hat and a large canvas bag, evidently made from an old boatr bouse, and last Saturday morning ascertained that an attempt had been made to enter the

SECRETARY BRISIOW'S REFORM. Some Hends that are to be Chopped Off in the

New York Custom House.

Special Treasury Agents T. J. Kinsella of New Orleans, and Col. Reichsberger of Galves-ton, who were sent here two weeks ago by sec-retary Bristow to investigate the workings of the New York Custom House with a view to a reduction in the number of the employees, and to retrenchment in the cost of collecting the revenue, were engaged with Collector Arthur,

revenue, were engaged with Collector Arthur, Deputy Collector Lydecker, Mr. Phillips, the Collector's secretary. Surveyor Sharpe, and Naval Officer Lafin for several hours on Saturday stremoon in examining the list of officials. The Special Agent ascertained that there are about 1,650 persons in the employ of the Custom flouse directly and indirectly, and they will recommend the removal of about two hundred of the number in accordance with Secretary Bristow's suggestion. The position of S. T. Maddox, sinceure Deputy Collector at Large, will, it is thought, be among those abolished. The seventy assistant weighers may expect to go; but the sinceure weighers are not to be touched, as they wield sufficient political power to save themselves. Several chances are to be m de in the Auditor's office, which employs ninety-three high-salaried clerks and eight messence as a cost of \$180,000 a year.

The reductions will fall heaviest among the inspectors and night watchmen, many of whom are poor, and have large families to support. There are 286 inspectors and 140 watchmen. The number is to be reduced one-third.

TOM BALLARD OUT AGAIN.

The Exploits of the Confederate of the Mil-The telegraph announces the escape of the otorious counterfeiter. Tom Ballard, from the Cayuga Sounty Juliat Acburn. He and four other prisoners County Jail at Arburn. He and four other prisoners drilled a hole through a heavy brick ceiling and bored through two floors to the garret, whence they escaped by a window to the ground. On the 15th of November, 1871, Italiard escaped from the Ludiow street jail in a similar distinct, by forcing an opening through the root, and thence stealing over the roots of adjusting houses until be found a descent through the route of 78 Ludiow street. He was under arrest at that thine as being the right-hand men of the indicionaire counterpetter Miner, and was at large until two months and, when he was rearrested in Buffaio, and sent to Auburn for that.

Shocking Outrage on a Young Girl. Boston, Dec. 19.-A twelve years old daughter of Judge Lowell of the United States Court was as-Chestnut Hill, a few miles from the city, by a negro. After roobing the child be left her to her fate. She had been skating, and was returning home through a dense piece of wood when the rathin waylaid her. She managed to drag herself heme and relate the horrible story.

The negro was arrested at Medville, twelve miles from this city. His name is Ambrose Whiliams, aged 23. He has been distribed as the perpetrator of the outrage, and articles were found in his possession that were taken from the girl.

Street Car Perlis.

Edward Thornton, of 518 Bast Fourteenth street, a salior, while drunk on Friday evening, staggered between two street ears in Chatham street, near Pearl. He was run over by a Hunter's Point car. He died in the Park Hospital yesterday.

LOSSES BY FIRE.

The Spring Valley pasteboard manufactors near Boomfield, N. J., was burned on Saturday night Less \$25,000. The extensive tannery of Seigler & Co., in Cincinnati, was burned yesterday afternoon. Loss \$70,000 insurance, \$20,000.

SPARKS FROM THE TELEGRAPH.

The funeral of the late Commodore William B. Cushing took place yesterday afternoon from the Washington may yard.

Jefferson Rives, son of the late John C. Rives, and one of the proprietors of the Congressional Globe, are dropped dead in his house in Washington yesterday from spoplexy.

JOITINGS ABOUT TOWN.

Governor-elect Tilden has not yet made his staff appointments. Assistant Alderman Henry A. Linden was buried yesterday in Fiatbush Cemetery.

O'Neill & Co. offer great bargains in ladies' dress goods in our advertising columns this morning. Miss Lizzie Kelsey will appear as Stalacta in the "Black Crook" to-night in the Grand Opera House, Matilda Heron will appear as Lady Macleth in Booth's Theatre on Caristans night, with George Van-denboff as Macbeth.

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The forty-eighth anniversary of the foundation of the New York City Mission and Tract Society was celebrated yesterday.

The society of the Church of the Messiah will give their new pastor, the Rev. W. R. Alizer, a social reception in the chapel at Thirty fourth street and Park avenue this evening. Mary Grey, of 127 Mott street, was found dead in her room by the elds of her naughter, Maggie Mehan, of 523 Pearl street, last night. Her husband, William Droy, was arrested by Capt. Allaire. A committee of the Boat Owners' Association are securing signatures to petitions to the Canal Board in tayor of a reduction of tells on the canals. The petitions have already received a large number of alread tures. EDWARD S. STOKES'S CASE.

AN APPLICATION TO GOVERNOR DIX FOR HIS PARDON.

The Near Approach of the End of his Term-The Governor's Objection to Giving him an Absolute Pardon-The Prisoner's Hopes.

It has been rumored for several days that Edward S. Stokes had recently applied to Gov. Dix for a perdon, and that the Governor had expressed his opinion that Stokes will have served the full term of his sentence on the 6th of January, and will then be able to bid farewell to Sing Sing. A representative of THE SUN visited the prison on Saturday, and had a talk with Stokes. Stokes was suffering from asthma, and was pale, and at first gloomy. When asked about the application for pardo the said:
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"First-The application was deferred to so late a day that he thought it unfair to expect him to decide, on the verge of his retiring from office, so notorious acase as mine.

"Second—The fact that my full term of imprisonment did not expire until six days after he left office, would of itself be an insuperable objection, even should there be no other.

"You can imagine how annoying such reasons are (particul rly after all the leg. I punishment I had endured, that six days should be made a fatal objection; and especially is it so when it is known that I laid in this prison, month after month, purposely deferring any presentment until i should have first suffered the full penalty of the law. I expected thereby to avoid refusal upon any just grounds, and those six days are now made an insuperable objection. Here is the Governor's letter to my father:

"STATE OF NEW YORK, PRECUTIVE CHAMBER, 1" DEAR SIR: A few hours after you were here at my house I received the application by a refer to the padon of your son. I reget to say to you that I cannot energian it. "" On the calculation made, the time during which he increase an iff there were no other objection to my action in the ca e, that would be many-crable.

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"Well, this is astonishing. It is all humbug on the part of Dix, making those six days an insuperable objection."

"Stokes's visitor said. "You are all right yet, Gov. Tilden will not support exceptional punishment in your case, not ries willing to commute, and have heard that he has promised to reconsider the objection expressed in his letter. I am inclined to believe that he will do what is right. I have, on the 6th of January, suffered an imprisonment of the full term pr. serviced by law, and on that ground, alone, should be discharged.

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TURNING THE TABLES.

Peliceman McGloin's Prisoners Released and Himself Made Prisoner. While John A. Moran, of 147 East Twen-ty-seventh street, and Mary A. Farrel and Kate

mare poor, and have large families to support. There are 286 inspectors and 140 watchmen. The number is to be reduced one-third.

THE JAIL BREAKERS' CASE.

Carl Vogt, the Belgian, Made a Catspaw by his Fellow Prisoners.

After a full investigation into the recent attempt at jail breaking, Warden Dunham of Ludlow Street Jail has satisfied himself that Carl Vogt had no thought of escaping himself, but w.s merely cognizant of the fact that Thomas would make the attempt, and was assisting him by secreting the saws in his cell. The counsel for the Belgian Government recentive offered Vogt his liberty if he would promise his prosecutors immunity from an action for false imprisonment. This overture Vogt rejections are supported by the conductive of the made a complaint of disorderly conduct against the women, and charged them, and ordered each of lock them up. Yesterday morning Justice Kasmire released them, and ordered each of lock them up. Yesterday morning Justice Kasmire released them, and ordered each of lock them up. Yesterday morning Justice Kasmire released them, and ordered each of lock them up. Yesterday morning Justice Kasmire released them, and ordered each of lock them up. Yesterday morning Justice Kasmire released them, and ordered each of lock them up. Yesterday morning Justice Kasmire released them, and ordered each of lock them up. Yesterday morning Justice Kasmire released them, and ordered each of lock them up. Yesterday morning Justice Kasmire released them, and ordered each of lock them up. Yesterday morning Justice Kasmire released them, and ordered each of lock them up. Yesterday morning Justice Kasmire released them, and ordered each of lock them up. Yesterday morning Justice Kasmire released them, and ordered each of lock them of the fact that the discontinuous proposition of the fact that the discontinuous p

"SPENCE" PETTUS.

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Gov. Dix and District Attorney Phelps have asked the Governor of Massachusetts for the pardon of Spencer Pettus, the forger, of this city, who is in the Massachusetts State Prison for swindling Nathan Bollis Company our of \$0.000. He professes to know all about the great railroad bond forgeries that astonished Wall street in 1873, and is wanted here as a witness at the next trial of the forgers. Mr. W. W. Hewitt, who represents Commodor Vand trial; and the railro ds and bankers who demand the punishmant of the forgers, is in Botton trying to secure the pardon. Pettus is a graduate of Columbia College, and at one time was a wiccome guest in fashionable society.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20. — The Congressional Library contains 274.157 volumes, an increase of 18,405 volumes during the past year. The present rate of involumes during the past year. The present rate of increase will swell the library to 500,000 volumes in least than twenty years, to more than 1,000,000 in fifty yeas, and to 2,000,000 volumes before a control of the following the following

Ann Farrell of 508 East Fourteenth street quarrelled with her husband yesterday about money which the inter wanted for drinks. The interest of throw her out of the window, to which she answered, "You needn't trouble yourself; I'i, jump out myself," where san and.
When picked up she said: "I thought the clothes line would noid me, but the carned thing broke," The distance from the wandow to the ground was but fitting feet, and Anaescaped with a broken leg.

The Bishopric of Iowa Declined. WORGESTER, Mass., Dec. 20.—The Rev. W. R. Huntington, D. D., rector of All Saints' Parish in this city, announced to day, that he had declined the Bishopnic of lows, and should remain with his parish. The Weather Office Predictions.

Clearing and colder weather, with north of

CURIOSITIES OF CRIME.

Mr. George Weat of North Adams, Mass., attempted to commit suicide yesterday, taking Paris green.

Jonathan Bushong escaped from the county jail in Norristown, Pa., vasterday by opening his cell door with a wire hook during religious services. This is his second escape from this jail within a year. Organized attempts are being made by the convicts to burn the prison at Auburn and make their escape in a body. A few days ago fires were set in two places, and on Saturday three attempts were made to burn the prison buildings.

Kate Fox of 344 Water street was assaulted at Cherry street and James shi on Saturday night by Benjamia H. Collins, a hostler, of 137 East Seventeenth street. She was int three times in the face, and four times in the right arm. She was taken to the Park Hospital.

George Lee, restaurateur, of Bleecker and Car-mine acree a, who recently robbed Messra. Burgess & Bonell of Albany of \$12,000 worth of Jewelry, was ar-rested by Detectives Henderson and Hines on Satur-day, and handed over to Chief of Poice Malloy of Albany, restorday.

Frederick Heaser, the night watchman at the Hickory swamp Collery In Shamokin, Pa., was found dead in the engine room of the breaker on Saturday morning, has tead having been beaten out or recognition. A natchet and a hickory cub were found near by with blood on them. The dead bodies of two young men were found on the track of the Missouri Pacific Railroad, twe miles east of Kansas City, Mo., on Saturday. The men were murlered and their hooles placed on the track. It is believed to at they were two of Pinkerion's detectives, who had been in that section since the Muncle Railroad robbery.

robbery.

Charles Manning, a negro of 66 Sullivan street, was arrested on Saturday night on charge of being implicated in the ourglar; in Houset Lewel's store, at 68 West Forty fifth street, on the 16th. Yesterday Honry Williams of 310 West Twenty-e gifth street was locked up as an accomplete, in Manning's house a seal skin sacque and a sick dress were found.

Two young men drove up to the H If way House on the Hackensies in a fine, doubir-seated sleigh yesterday afternoon, having with them two young ladies. All came from Harrison. Soon afterward a constable drove up and arrested the two most for stealing the sieigh from the stable of Septen R. Collins of Harrison and the horses from Howell Perrin. The young men gave their names as James Hurley and Stephon Allen.